

ABSTRACT

A wire-collecting device of a computer accessory has a casing having a first opening and a collecting portion inside the casing for containing a signal-transmission device extending from the computer accessory. A fastening device is positioned on a first interior surface of the casing, the fastening device being positioned near the first opening to clasp the signal-transmission device. An elastic element has a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being installed into a second interior surface of the casing, and the second terminal being connected to the signal-transmission device to force the signal-transmission device to draw back into the collecting portion.

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